





# Today's Advertisements.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

### CITY HALL.

Lessee and Proprietors:  
Mrs. N. CHESTER,  
Messrs. A. H. & E. J. POLLARD.

### TO-NIGHT! AND EVERY EVENING.

The first great event in the Colony of the  
20th CENTURY.

Under the distinguished Patronage of  
H.E. Sir HENRY BLAKE, G.C.M.G.

## POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIAN OPERA CO. OF 50 PERFORMERS.

TO-NIGHT!  
AND EVERY EVENING  
Till further  
NOTICE.

For the first time in the Colony, The enormously  
successful American production.

## "THE BELLE OF NEW YORK."

In Two Acts of Six Scenes.

### 1st MATINEE TO-MORROW.

### (SATURDAY AFTERNOON), the 12th January.

### "THE BELLE OF NEW YORK," At 3.30 P.M.

To which Soldiers, Sailors, Children and Amahs  
will be admitted Half-price.

PLAN at ROBINSON'S. PRICES AS USUAL.

Doors Open at 8 P.M.

Performance starts punctually at 9 P.M.

Carriages at 11.45 P.M.

The Star Ferry Co. has kindly consented to  
delay the last ferry to 12.15. Arrangements  
have been made with the Peak Tramway Co.  
to run a Special Tram a quarter of an hour  
after the Performance.

A. LEVEY, Business Manager.

A. H. POLLARD, Manager.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1901.

## WANTED.

THREE or FOUR LADS

to SELL the

# "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

LIBERAL COMMISSION

PAID.

Apply Personally at

THIS OFFICE.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1901.

ASSOCIATION.

THERE will be NO COMPETITION TO  
MORROW, the 12th instant, but the  
Range will be open to Members to practice.

MOUBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1901.

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TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.

NO. 6, RICHMOND TERRACE (a Six-  
Roomed House).

Apply to

LAU CHU PAK,

Care of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1901.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG"

Captain P. H. Rolfe, will be despatched as above  
TO-MORROW, the 12th instant, at Noon.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation  
for First class Passengers, is fitted throughout  
with Electric Light and carries a Doctor.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1901.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO'S  
"NEW YORK" LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"DEVONSHIRE"

Captain Coull, will be despatched for the above  
Port, TO-MORROW, the 12th instant, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1901.

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EYE-SIGHT.

MR. N. LAZARUS,

Oculist-Optician, of London and Calcutta,  
may be consulted for SPECTACLES

at 16, Queen's Road Central,

(B. HOUGHTON & Co.)

(Nearly opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL).

Business hours:—9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

A GREAT proportion of cataracts and  
diseases affecting those advancing in life  
occur to those having some deficiency in the  
construction of the eyes—the many years of  
Eye Strain ending in serious forms of disease.

Glasses specially adapted in youth to those  
requiring them save and preserve the sight.

Constantly recurring headaches, spells of  
dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters  
running together, any of these symptoms indicate  
a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring  
Glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES  
only after testing the sight.

ADVICE FREE.

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## Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
LIMITED.

### WINE MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## CLARETS.

	Per Case	Per Bottle
B. ST. ESTEPHE, Red Capsule...	6.96	\$ 7.56
C. ST. JULIEN, Red Capsule...	9.00	9.60
D. LA ROSE, Red Capsule...	12.96	13.92
CHATEAU HAUT BRION LAR.		
RIVET	18.60	19.20
CHATEAU MOUTAN D'ARMAIL.		
HACQ.	21.00	22.20
CHATEAU PONTET CARNET...	25.00	—
CHATEAU LA TOUR CARNET...	30.00	—
CHATEAU RAUZAN...	42.00	—
CHATEAU LAFITE	48.00	—

These CLARETS are bought direct  
from the leading French growers.  
The lowest priced are of exceptional  
value and guaranteed to be the  
genuine product of the juice of the  
grape, and are not artificially made  
as is generally the case with cheap  
Wines.

CHATEAU LA TOUR CARNET, CHATEAU  
RAUZAN and CHATEAU LAFITE  
are commended to the notice of Con-  
noisseurs as high-class after-dinner  
Wines of a rich and rare character.

Sample bottles and smaller quanti-  
ties will be supplied at proportionate  
wholesale rates.

We guarantee our Wines and Spirits  
to be genuine only when bought  
direct from us in the Colony or from  
our authorised Agents at the Coast  
Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.

### MARRIAGE.

On the 3rd January, at Singapore, TAN SIOK  
YANG NEO, daughter of Tan Keng Guan, of  
No. 21, Park Road, Singapore, to CHIOO ENG  
CHIOON, of No. 88, Amoy Street, Singapore,  
Merchant.

At "Glentworth," Scott's Road, Singapore, D.  
PARRY DAVIES, Tanjong Pagar Dock Co.,  
age 38.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1901.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

### The American Proposal.

The Reuter's telegram which we publish  
to-day throws a very different light upon the  
American proposal with regard to China.  
According to Reuter, the United States pro-  
pose that the question of indemnity and  
revision of the commercial treaties shall be  
considered at Washington, or some other  
capital, by an international congress and not,  
as the *Daily Mail* announced, that the con-  
sideration of the peace negotiations be trans-  
ferred to Washington.

To this proposal we do not think many  
objections can be raised, as it will  
not mean that Chinese plenipotentiaries  
will take part in the discussion. The  
questions of the amount of indemnity to be  
demanded and the revision of the  
treaties will be considered at Washington  
or elsewhere, but we presume the demands  
formulated by the proposed international  
congress will be presented at Peking. This  
is as it should be, and it will be much  
better for the questions at issue to be dis-  
cussed in the capital of one or other of the  
Allied Powers than at Peking, where there  
would always be Chinese intrigue and  
opposition to contend with.

### The Peckanerskloof Affair.

It is quite refreshing to have a British  
victory reported from South Africa after  
such a lengthy series of reverses, ambushes,  
and general disasters. The little band of  
cyclists, who so ably sieged and held the  
Peckanerskloof, Pass must have put up a  
gallant fight, as is shown by their heavy loss  
(three killed and twenty-three wounded out  
of a total of fifty men). The losses are sad  
to contemplate, but one cannot help feeling  
proud of the gallant little band, to whom all  
honour is due. We trust that the Peckan-  
erskloof Affair may prove to be the turning  
point of the campaign and that henceforth  
we may have British victories instead of  
British disasters to record.

### The Philippines.

In its issue of the ninth instant, our mor-  
ning contemporary draws an analogy be-  
tween the warfare now being waged in the  
Philippines and in South Africa. We do  
not think, however, that the two struggles  
will for a moment bear comparison. The  
war in the Philippines, it must be remem-  
bered, arose directly from the Spanish-  
American war, which was ostensibly under-  
taken by the United States for the purpose  
of releasing the Cubans from the yoke of  
Spain. On the outbreak of the war prob-  
ably not a hundred people in the whole of

the United States gave a thought to the  
Philippines, and it was not until Dewey de-  
stroyed the Spanish fleet at Cavite that the  
islands were thought of. But the destruc-  
tion of Montojo's fleet did not bring about  
the capitulation of Manila. This required  
further fighting, and the Filipinos, under  
AGUIBALDO, took a hand in it as the  
Allies of the American forces. The  
Filipinos, in fact, bore the brunt of the fight-  
ing during the long interval that necessarily  
elapsed between the battle of Cavite and the  
arrival of the American troops, and in this  
period, as is well known, they drove the  
Spaniards right back into Manila, clearing the  
way for the United States troops to such an  
extent that the town capitulated with merely  
a nominal resistance.

The Filipinos believed that it was the  
intention of the Americans to give them  
their independence, and it was not until they  
discovered that this was not the case that  
any trouble arose, and even now, it is a  
disputed point as to whether the Ameri-  
cans or the Filipinos fired the first shot.  
Throughout the last five years the Fili-  
pinos have been fighting for indepen-  
dence; first against Spain, then against  
Spain as the Allies of the United  
States, and now against those allies whom  
they vainly believed were fighting to liberate  
them from Spain and not to force the rule  
of the United States upon them.

We all know how the South African war  
arose and how desperately it has been waged  
upon both sides, but it can never be compared  
for a moment to the Philippine affair. The  
Filipinos are fighting as a protest against  
being purchased from Spain by the United  
States like so many head of cattle; the Boers  
are engaged in a quarrel which they them-  
selves provoked and brought about. Where  
is the similarity in the two situations?

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

## THE UNITED STATES AND THE CHINA CRISIS.

LONDON, January 9th.

The United States have proposed an in-  
ternational Congress to be held at Washing-  
ton or some other capital, to consider the  
amount of indemnity to be claimed from  
China, and also the commercial treaties.

## CAPE COLONY.

### CYCLISTS SEIZE A PASS.

Fifty cyclists made a dash to seize the  
pass at Peckanerskloof at Piquetsberg before  
the Boers. The latter were repulsed after  
sharp fighting, the cyclists losing 3 killed  
and 23 wounded.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—  
On the 11th at 12.5 p.m. the barometer has  
fallen about the North of Formosa, and the  
changed elsewhere. Pressure remains high over  
Formosa. Strong monsoon on the coast, mode-  
rate monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea.  
Forecast:—Fresh N.E. to N. winds; some rain.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A NURSE, to take charge of children on the  
voyage home, is advertised for from Penang.

THE census of British North Borneo will be  
taken on the night between the 14th and 15th  
instant.

THE Rifle Association will hold no competition  
to-morrow, but the Range will be open for  
practice.

THE *Malay Mail*, published at Kuala Lumpur,  
Selangor, is advertising for an Editor and  
Manager.

SINCE the 1st instant Singapore meantime has  
been standard time in the Straits Settlements  
and Federated Malaya.

FRENCH Mail for Europe.—The date of depar-  
ture of the s.s. *Mauchie* with the next home-  
ward French Mail has not yet been fixed.

THE medical report on Ceylon for 1899, which  
has just been published, shows both enteric  
fever and leprosy to be on the increase in that  
island.

WE would remind our readers of Mr. Paul  
Brewitt's sale of house-hold furniture, which is  
to be held at his sale rooms at 2.30 p.m. to-  
morrow.

It is alleged, says the *Straits Times*, that a  
case of matches costing \$5.60 was brought to  
Labuan the other day, and the duty on them  
was \$4.80.

On the third instant, at Singapore, two cases of  
cholera were notified and there were two  
deaths. The total cases to date were 250, and  
224 deaths.

THE Rev. W. P. Rutledge has been appointed  
officiating clergyman to the Wesleyan troops  
in Singapore from the 1st inst., vice the Rev.  
W. G. Shellabear.

SERGEANT Garrod, who was injured in the  
recent fire in Wing Lok Street, is progressing  
as favourably as can be expected. He is suffer-  
ing from severe injuries to his ankle at the  
Hospital.

M. ZOLA, in a letter to President Loubet, says  
that the Dreyfus case is a shameful  
affair. The Dreyfus case, he adds, cannot be  
finally settled until France repairs the injustice  
done to Dreyfus.

THE cricket match which had been announced  
to take place to-day and to-morrow was not  
commenced owing to the ground being in such  
a soft condition. The Hongkong Club and the  
Navy will therefore probably meet on another day.

SINGAPORE apparently had a very festive time  
on New Year's Day. A regatta was held in the  
morning, athletic sports in the afternoon and  
the day's festivities closed with a concert on  
board H.M.S. *Pigmy*.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial  
and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge  
with thanks the following donation to the  
funds of the Hospitals:—

L. Gibbs ..... \$10

It is curious to notice, says *Commercial Intel-  
ligence*, that the value of the import of jewel-  
lery, precious stones, and gold and silver ware  
into Siam was \$53,523, but about \$75,000  
was re-exported as unsaleable or unsuitable.  
£2,240 came from England direct.

EARLY last month at Fremantle in West Aus-  
tralia, the master of the German barque *Henry*  
handed over to the police two seamen, an  
Italian and a Portuguese, in irons, and charged  
them with murder on the high seas. The men  
are stated to have attacked the cook, a German,  
with their knives and literally hacked him to  
pieces. The prisoners will be sent to Germany.

THE suspicion, thrown upon the beer of Liver-  
pool, Manchester, and other northern places  
has come as a boon and a blessing to Burton-  
on-Trent, where the beer is like Caesar's wife.  
So great has been the demand for the liquor  
brewed in this town that special trains have  
been run in order to keep pace with the re-  
quirements for pure beer from the infected  
districts.

THE most important American office ever held  
by a coloured man is that occupied by Judson  
W. Lyons, the Registrar of the American Treas-  
ury. With Secretary Gage and Treasurer  
Roberts, he controls the whole money stock of  
the Republic. Not a dollar can be paid out  
without his assent, and the name of this  
interesting negro appears on all the greenbacks  
in circulation.

THE cruiser *Hermes*, say the *Pall Mall Gazette*,  
which returned to Devonport a short time  
since on account of the bad condition of her  
Belleville boilers, paid off at the dock-yard on  
December 8th. She has only done twelve  
months out of her three years' commission, and  
her crew were to be transferred to the cruiser  
*Blenheim*, at Chatham, and proceed to the  
China station.

THE *Times* of India publishes further particu-  
lars of the situation at Farzan, in the Red  
Sea. The Turkish Government has now  
landed 450 men and two guns on the island,  
and declines to permit Germany to establish a  
coal depot. Preparations for opening a coaling  
station under Turkish control, available for all  
Powers, continue. Two Turkish vessels, laden  
with coal for Farzan, have already left Con-  
stantinople.

THE Band of the Royal Welch Fusiliers will  
play at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow (Sat-  
urday).

PROGRAMME.	
1. March....."Father's old cap".....Wincott.	
2. Selection....."Hells of New York".....Keller.	
3. Barn Dance....."Chicago".....Clifford.	
4. Polka....."Linger Longer, Love".....Fitz Gerald.	
5. Cornet Solo....."The Jolly".....Fitzgerald.	
6. Selection....."The Gipsy".....Jones.	
Extra.	
1. Dance....."Des Demons".....Solomon.	
2. Dance....."God Save the Queen".....Solomon.	

A VETERAN, named Benjamin Horton, has  
died in the workhouse at Wolverhampton at  
the age of seventy-five. As a member of the  
17th Lancers, Horton fought in the Crimea,  
and was one of the six hundred who made the  
historic charge of the Light Brigade at Bala-  
clava. He saw considerable service during  
those stirring times, and acted as an orderly  
to General Codrington. Subsequently, the  
deceased was bought out of the Army, and for  
the last ten years of his life had been an inmate  
of Wolverhampton Workhouse.

THE following is the programme of music to be  
played by the Band of the Royal Welch Fusiliers  
at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks,  
to-night, commencing at 8 p.m.

PROGRAMME.	
1. March....."Soldiers of the Guard".....Jenny.	
2. Overture....."Auld Mel".....Jenny.	
3. Selection....."A Gipsy Girl".....Jenny.	
4. Polka....."Flour de Polka".....Jenny.	
5. Dance....."Des Demons".....Jenny.	
6. Selection....."The Nicker".....Jenny.	
Extra.	
1. Jamboree....."Pomp and Circumstance".....Methell.	
2. Barn Dance....."Go Hang".....O. Carr.	
3. Polka....."Royal Prince".....Klausmann.	
4. Polka....."H.M. Mair, Band Master."	

MR. William Grey-Wilson, who for long chafed  
in the solitude of St. Helena, where he was  
Governor for many years, secured promotion  
from the island at the wrong time; for with the  
Boer prisoners and augmented garrison James-  
town has become a thoroughly lively and  
enjoyable place. Mr. Grey-Wilson is now  
quietly governing the Falkland Islands, a  
more lonely and isolated spot perhaps than St.  
Helena. The Falklands have an advantage,  
however, in that there is an abundance of sport  
to be had, while the climate is salubrious and  
bracing. Mr. Grey-Wilson has been in the  
Colonial service for a quarter of a century,  
and served in Jamaica, British Honduras, the  
Gold Coast, and Sierra Leone. Before he went  
to St. Helena.

THE *Imperial Institute Journal* states that the  
researches which Messrs. Hoogewerf and Tel-  
Meulen have instituted on indigo-bearing  
plants and the formation of indigo have resulted  
in the isolation of pure crystalline indican from  
the stems of *Polygonum tinctorium*, and *Indigofera leptostachya*. The former is a plant  
growing in Southern China, where it is locally  
used as a source of indigo dye. The glucoside,  
which has now been obtained in an undoubtedly  
pure state, has the formula C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>,  
which supports the view at present held, that the  
first products of the hydrolysis of the glucoside  
are *indoxyl* and a sugar, the former being  
rapidly oxidised by oxygen of the air to indigo  
blue. The authors have succeeded in obtaining  
from the glucoside 95 per cent. of the possible  
yield of indigo.

THERE was an improvement in the Lancashire  
cotton industry towards the end of last month  
and large supplies of American and Egyptian  
cotton were arriving.

THE territory added to Pemik under the recent  
boundary treaty with Siam contains two districts  
and twenty-five villages. The territory has 112  
mountains and hills, and is watered by no less  
than 127 rivers and streams.

THERE has recently been established in Bang-  
kok a museum of Japanese manufactures and  
products. This institution is under the direc-  
tion of the Japanese Government, which pays  
all the running expenses, except the salary of  
the director.

THE output of tin in Federated Malaya from  
the 1st January to the 30th November, 1900,  
was 649,135 piculs against 599,333 piculs in the  
corresponding period of last year. The duty  
collected on tin came to \$6,496,635 against  
\$5,715,648.

IT is reported that some of the men of the  
Royal Artillery stationed in Ceylon will be  
selected for service in China in connection with  
the decision of the British Government to form  
Vickers-Maxim batteries. Men over 28 years  
of age are required for the new batteries.

THE officers of the Singapore Volunteer Corps  
gave a dinner at the Singapore Club on New  
Year's Eve. All officers of the Corps were  
present and guests included Col. Chippindall,  
Major Parker, M.N.L., Major Dunman, V.D.,  
Major the Hon. A. Murray, S.V.C., presided.

AT Cowie Harbour, in British North Borneo,  
coal, alleged to be of excellent quality, is said to  
have been discovered. A sample of it was sent  
to Mr. W. Y. Fleming, ship-builder at Paisley,  
who found it to be a remarkably pure coal,  
containing an exceptionally high percentage of  
volatile matters.

THERE was a large gathering of members at the  
Tontonia Club at Singapore on New Year's  
Eve. A large picture of the Queen was  
formally handed over to the Club. The cost of  
the picture had been met out of part of the  
refunded subscriptions raised among the Ger-  
man community there for the Diamond Jubilee  
Memorial.

THE *Straits Times* of 3rd instant says:—The  
friends of Dr. Simon, the popular P. C. M. O.,  
and the public generally, will be glad to hear  
of his receiving the New Year Honour of the  
Companionship of the Order of St. Michael and  
St. George. Dr. Simon has been in the  
Colonial Service since 1871. He has been in  
this Colony since August, 1875.

A GIRL killed her father, early last month, at  
Guilford in West Australia. The evidence  
showed that the father, Joseph Otley by name,  
had violently assaulted his wife, throwing her  
to the ground and attempting to strangle her,  
when the daughter seized a loaded revolver and  
fired two shots at her father and mortally  
wounded him. He died shortly afterwards.

A TELEGRAM dated Worcester, S.A., Dec. 5th  
states that Johannes Engelberster De Jong,  
proprietor of the *Worcester Advertiser*, was  
arrested on Dec. 4th and lodged in gaol. He  
is charged with criminal and seditious libel.  
The



## THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE CO., LTD.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the tenth ordinary annual meeting, to be held at the offices of the General Managers, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, on Monday, the 14th January, 1901.

The General Managers beg to submit to the Shareholders their Report on the working of the Company, with a Statement of Accounts, for the year ended 31st of December, 1900.

On the 7th July the usual interim dividend at the rate of \$1.50 per share was paid out of the half-yearly rental from the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd.

The balance now at credit of Profit and Loss Account, including the balance of \$130,334 from last year, amounts to \$1,379,35. After providing for the final Dividend of the above rate, absorbing \$399,000, there remains a small surplus of \$499,35, which it is recommended to carry forward to new Profit and Loss Account.

**AUDITOR.**  
The accounts have been audited by Mr. F. Henderson, whose re-election is recommended.

Hongkong, 9th January.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

31st December, 1900.

To Capital Account: 2,000 shares at \$100, of which \$37,50 paid up. \$197,500.00

To Mortgage of \$1,000,000. 1,000,000.00

To Mortgage of \$1,000,000. 1,000,000.00

To Dividend Account. 412.50

To Reserve Fund. 2,500.00

To Balance of Profit and Loss Account. 4,379.35

By Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. \$64,791.85

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## HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The following correspondence has been forwarded to us for publication.

**TREATY REVISION.**

(From the Chamber to the British Minister.)

Hongkong, 10th January, 1901.

Sir,—The statement recently made in the public Press, to the effect that negotiations with China for the conclusion of peace will shortly be commenced, and the probable consequence that the revision of the Chinese tariff may be included in the settlement, have induced the Committee of this Chamber to approach you on the subject.

In February last a rumour having been persistently circulated that the revision of the Chinese tariff was being rapidly pushed on, this Chamber addressed a communication to your esteemed predecessor, Sir Claude Macdonald, expressing the hope that before any settlement was arrived at, the Chambers of Commerce in the Far East would be afforded an opportunity of expressing their opinion on the tariff proposals, and stating that they would like to be informed whether it was true that negotiations on the subject had been commenced. His Excellency was good enough, in his prompt reply, to say that there was no truth in the rumour that negotiations were being pushed on rapidly though it was true that the Chinese Government had approached Her Majesty's Government on the subject, and that the latter had replied that they had no objection to consider the matter. He added that no change of tariff was "at all likely to take place without previous consultation with the parties most interested, more especially the Chambers of Commerce of Hongkong and Shanghai, whose views would receive full and careful attention."

The Committee make no doubt that there will be a continuity of policy in this as in other matters of the Legation, but they consider it advisable to address your Excellency on this important question, so that it can by no possible means escape attention, as was the case when the new tariff with Japan was concluded, with results most disastrous to the trade in refined sugar between that country and Hongkong.

Any revision of the Chinese tariff would, of course affect, in a most momentous manner, the trade of this Colony, and that must be our excuse for troubling you with this despatch at a period when I am sure your Excellency must have unusual demands on your time and attention.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

R. M. GRAY, Chairman.

H. E. Sir Ernest M. Satow, K.C.M.G., H.M.S.'s Minister in China.

**THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE YANGTSE.**

(Sir John Lister Kaye to the Chamber.)

16, Bolton Street, London, W., November 26th, 1900.

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge your letter dated October 1st, 1900, and shall be much obliged if you will kindly thank the Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce for their kind letter to me with regard to the improvement of the Navigation of the Yangtze River.

I shall be obliged if you will inform the Committee that I am glad to be able to announce to them that Mr. Bertie informed me last Wednesday that the Foreign Office has written by last Friday's mail to Sir Ernest Satow to enquire if the Chinese will agree to my Petition.

I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) JOHN LISTER KAYE.

R. M. Gray, Esq., Chairman, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong.

**COMMERCIAL COMBINATION.**

(Planters' Association of Southern India to the Chamber.)

United Planters' Association of Southern India, Madras, November 11th, 1900.

The President, General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong.

Dear Sir,—At the Annual Meeting of this Association on 8th August, 1900, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That considering the critical condition of the tea and coffee industries, this Association do communicate with the India Tea Association, the Ceylon Planters' Association, the Chambers of Commerce and the leading firms of merchants and brokers, interested in tea and coffee &c., in this country and in England and her colonies with a view to ascertaining whether a movement in favour of a commercial combination of Great Britain and her Colonies and India against the world (which would be a system of differential duties afford some protection to British-grown products and manufactures) would receive support."

This resolution may be said to have resulted chiefly from the recent revision of the French Tariff in regard to imports of produce from (inter alia) India, and the British Colonies and dependencies. You are doubtless aware that the French Tariff, as an act of reprisal against the duties on coffee, tea, and spices imported from countries not having Treaties of Commerce with France or not enjoying Most Favoured Nation Treatment, among which are the British Colonies and Dependencies (with the exception of Canada). The French and Brazilians have made up their quarrel, but the French Tariff law, which was really directed against Brazil, still subsists. There appears to be reasonable ground for hope that it will not be put into force, but if it should, the consequence would be, to use the words of the "Economist," that the prohibitory tariff for Colonial produce would only be applied to countries, British Colonies among others, for which it was not intended.

It is felt that there is a strong and growing feeling in England and her Dependencies and Colonies in favour of what may be termed an Imperial Fiscal Federation for the protection of British interests as against those of the rest of the world. The Association is desirous of eliciting your views on the subject, to co-operate for the purpose of submitting memorials to the Home Government and other Governments concerned, and would be glad of your advice as to the precise form such memorials should take.

If you have already made any move in the direction indicated, a copy of your proceedings would be welcome.

I am, dear Sir, Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) H. PERCIVAL HODGSON, Chairman.

Harry Amend, Secretary.

**(The Chamber to the Planters' Association.)**

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong, 9th January, 1901.

H. Percival Hodgson, Esq., Chairman, United Planters' Association of Southern India.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 11th Nov. last, enclosing

copy of a resolution passed at the last annual meeting of your Association to ascertain whether a movement in favour of a commercial combination of Great Britain and her Colonies and India against the world by a system of differential duties, to afford some protection to British-grown products and manufactures, would receive support.

Your letter was laid before the Committee of this Chamber at its last meeting and considered, but they could not see their way to join in such a movement as that proposed.

I am, dear Sir, Yours faithfully,

R. M. GRAY, Chairman.

## FOOTBALL.

On Saturday afternoon the Victoria Recreation Club will play a team from the Royal Engineers. Kick-off at four o'clock.

The following will represent the Club:—

Goal. Chunnett.

Backs. Lapsley, Duncan.

Half-backs. Loureiro, Craig, Brett.

Forwards. Seth, Fittock, Smilie, Henderson, Horton.

## THE ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The fifth Club Race was sailed last Sunday, the course being round Cosmopolitan Dock, Markbooth off Chungking (starboard), Stonecutters Island (starboard). A start was made in a light westerly air, soon was made.

The three leaders got a long way ahead on the run to the Fairway Buoy, but were almost becalmed between the buoy and the Markbooth, thus letting the rear division close up. The wind was now about due north and the Markbooth, which was supposed to be off Chungking, but was really two miles or more nearer home, was rounded by *Alannah*, which was showing very great speed in the light wind, *Fris*, *Maid Marian* and *Chanticleer*, in the order named.

*Bonito* and *Gloria* together, and *Erica*, close behind, followed by *Dorcas* and *Meteor*, which was sailing beautifully. Once, to the west of Stonecutters, fresh north wind was met, and *Alannah* being ahead caught it first and increased her lead, *Fris* also being well served, but rounding the East end of Stonecutters, *Fris*, keeping straight on for Kowloon Point, ran into a calm, *Alannah*, a long way ahead, having been lucky enough to get through it but being almost becalmed near to a protest by *Bonito*.

In the second class it seems impossible to handicap *Meteor* so as to give the rest a chance. The old *Sybil* made a much better show than heretofore, and had her helmsman thought a little more of the effect of a strong lee-going tide, she would have probably been second.

He will know better next time.

The official timing at the finish was:

1st CLASS. Marks.

*Alannah* 4 29 37

*Bonito* 4 43 14

*Gloria* 4 50 33 disqualified

*Fris* 4 53 22

*Maid Marian* 5 8 3

*Dorcas* 5 13 43

*Chanticleer* 5 15 10

*Erica* 5 15 44

2nd CLASS.

*Meteor* 4 44 55

*Payne* 5 20 29

*Sybil* 5 22 8

*Sudbyrd* 5 27 6

The officers of the Royal Navy have kindly presented two prizes (1st and 2nd) to be sailed for on Monday, the 12th instant, starting at 2 p.m., open to yachts belonging to members of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, to be steered by Ladies. Handicap as below, except that yachts steered by girls who wear their hair down on ordinary service will receive 20 seconds per mile in addition.

**COURSE.**

Start from a line between H.M. Ships *Barfleur* and *Endymion*, round Meyer's East Buoy (port) South buoy on shoal in Hungnam Bay (port) H.M.S. *Endymion* (starboard) South buoy on shoal in Hungnam Bay (starboard), Meyer's East Buoy (starboard) and finish across starting line. Distance 7 1/2 miles.

Should the wind be light, the yachts will be stopped at the end of the first round, at the discretion of the Race Officer's representative.

Yacht owners intending to compete must send the names of their ladies to Major Koe, Hon. Sec. at the A.S.C. Office, Fletcher Street, before 10 a.m. to-morrow.

**HANDICAP.**

*Marjorie* allows *Gloria* 4 min.

*Alannah* 14 min. *Active* 5 min.

*Bonito* 14 min. *Dar* 5 min.

*Maid Marian* 3 min. *Ladybird* 7 min.

*Fris* 3 min. *Payne* 10 min.

*Chanticleer* 3 min. *Sybil* 10 min.

*Meteor* 3 min. *Thistle* 11 min.

**MINERS FOR BORNEO.**

A Dutch syndicate, which is mining for gold in Sabah (S.W. Borneo) has been enquiring how that line of enterprise is conducted in Australia. The concession held by the syndicate is said to cover an area exceeding that of the Colony of Victoria. Mr. C. van Vollenhoven, its representative in Australia, has arranged for a mining plant to be sent out from Victoria to Sabah to cost £30,000 and also a number of Australian mining men. Among them is Mr. W. Kershaw, who has been appointed engineer-in-chief to the syndicate. The rights secured under the syndicate's concession does not stop at mining, but extends to all matters of administration. It is many respects such a concession as that formerly enjoyed by the Honourable East India Company and now held by the Royal Chartered Company in South Africa.

## PUNJOM.

Writing on the 22nd ultimo, the Kuala Lipis Correspondent of the *Strait Times* says:—

Nothing daunted by their recent misfortune, the Punjom Co. will again start the reconstruction of their dam directly the wet season is over, and that will be about March, 1901.

In the meantime, prospecting operations on the hitherto untouched portions of their large concession will be vigorously conducted, while development work will, at the same time, have due attention paid to it. Mining on the two new shafts recently opened is said to be making satisfactory progress, in spite of the difficulties being encountered. The "Mill Gully Shaft" is now down to 100 feet, while "South Jalis" has reached nearly 75 feet, 74' 6" to be precise.

With regard to the bursting of the dam, it has been represented to me that, were it not for the timely warning given, first by the Company's watchmen, and later by the Europeans, to all in the mining camp and also to the inhabitants of the neighbouring "Bandu" or village of Pangong, the loss of property, and especially of life, must inevitably have been much greater than has been sustained. An eye-witness of the disaster describes it as "a most exciting scene."

The whole place was suddenly transformed from a peaceful sleeping village into a veritable pandemonium. The slumbering natives, on being roused to a sense of their impending danger, simply lost their heads (metaphorically speaking), and one can easily realise the resulting confusion. On the day after the disaster, Mr. Hughes, the Manager, called together his Sikh watchmen and suitably rewarded them for their laudable efforts in helping people who were in danger, and in saving property. Mr. Hume, the District Officer, in company with Mr. Stokoe, the Head of the P. W. D., subsequently inspected what was left of the dam, and found that they were satisfied with what was done by the Company and its employees, both as regards the precautions taken and as to the way in which the work on the dam had been performed. Concurrently with the bursting of the Punjom dam, two others, smaller ones, constructed at Chindiras by a Chinaman to wash alluvial gold on a license issued by the Company, gave way, the embankment being carried off to the extent of 60 and 30 feet, respectively.

The Punjom Mining Company has now been working in Pahang for close on a decade and a half, and has hitherto met with partial success. But the perseverance they have displayed during all these years, in the face of difficulties and disasters that have dismayed others, commands respect and admiration, and deserves much better results than those which have so far crowned their efforts.

## FIJI AND ITS PRODUCE.

A paper on "The Islands and the People of Fiji," the governorship over which is said to be reserved for Sir A. Swettenham, was recently read before the Royal Colonial Institute by Mr. Morgan L. Finucane, a Provincial Inspector, and a medical officer of the colony. Mr. Finucane pointed out that the wealth and future prosperity of the colony undoubtedly depend on the output of sugar. The sugar industry is entirely in the hands of the wealthy Colonial Sugar Refining Company, who possess practically the monopoly for the supply of sugar in the whole of Australasia, and are even now sending grown sugar into Canada.

The system adopted is that of local planters—European, Indian, and Fijian—cultivating areas of cane land selling the produce to the central mills of the company; the proper cultivation of the land is brought about by the terms in the company's contracts with growers by which they are paid, not in accordance with the quantity of cane grown and delivered to the mills, but on the percentage of raw sugar obtained by analysis of the cane supplied with a sliding scale. Coffee grows well in Fiji, both the Liberian and Arabian varieties, and does best in shaded mountainous districts, such as are found in the upper reaches of the Waini-Buka in Viti Levu. Vanilla grows well, and has realised good prices in the open market. Tobacco, ramin fibre, cocoa, cinchona, tea, and indigo are all to be found in Fiji. Tea does exceedingly well, and has a delicious flavour, says Mr. Finucane. There are two flourishing estates with a perfect soil and altitude for the growth of this beverage; at present the local consumption of the product is entirely drawn from the group, and it is also exported to New Zealand and Australia.

## NOTANDA.

## CALENDAR.

## JANUARY.

Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1896.

Barometer..... 30.159

Thermometer..... 59.7

Humidity..... 74

Rainfall..... 1.545

## TO-DAY.

## WEATHER REPORT.

On date at 4 p.m.

Barometer..... 30.14

Temperature..... 63

Humidity..... 62

Rainfall..... 0.08

## TO-DAY.

Friday, 11th January, 1901.

Chinese—21st of 11th month of 26th year of Kuang-shi.

Sun—Rises..... 6hr 45min.

Sets..... 5hr 33min.

High water—Morning..... 6hr



## Mails.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
KAWACHI MARU..... J. S. Thompson	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 18th Jan., at Daylight.
KASUGA MARU..... E. W. Haswell	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 18th Jan., at Noon.
IBIZUMI MARU..... J. Curran	KOBE (DIRECT) (Taking Cargo and Passengers for CANADA and UNITED STATES, Transhipping at KOBE, per S.S. "KINSHU MARU," sailing thence on the 1st February, 1901.)	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Jan., at Noon.
WAKASA MARU..... J. H. Macmillan	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 25th Jan., at Daylight.
YAWATA MARU..... A. E. Moses	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 25th Jan., at 4 P.M.
HIROSHIMA MARU..... S. Yoshizawa	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	WEDNESDAY, 30th Jan., at Noon.
BINGO MARU..... F. Davies	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 18th Feb., at Daylight.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &amp;c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1901.

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STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	Freight.
NORDERNEY..... Jesch	MARSEILLES, HAVRE and HAMBURG (London with transhipment in HAMBURG)	At Noon, 14th January.	Freight.
SAMBIA..... Schmidt	HAVRE and HAMBURG	23rd January.	Freight.
SILEZIA..... Böhle	HAVRE and HAMBURG	9th February.	Freight and Passage.
SIBIRIA..... Braun	(London with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 18th February.	Freight and Passage.
PREIBURG..... Frosch	HAVRE and HAMBURG	About 28th February.	Freight.

\* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For further Particulars as to Freight, Passage, &amp;c., apply to

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## TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, via INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama &amp; Honolulu) Saturday, 12th Jan., 1901, at Noon.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama &amp; Honolulu) Thursday, 7th Feb., 1901, at Noon.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama &amp; Honolulu) Saturday, 2nd Mar., 1901, at Noon.

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Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Ports of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1900.

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